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Dear Ms. McCammon,

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Research, Education, and Economics (REE) FOIA Office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Your FOIA request, originally dated August 23, 2018, was submitted to the Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA. It was forwarded to the REE FOIA Office on November 30, 2018, for processing and direct reply to you.

Your request sought "...copies of all tweets deleted by the Twitter handle associated with the Food Safety Research Information Office, National Agricultural Library, USDA (@FoodSafety) from June 2008 to the present. This would include any tweets sent out on Twitter that were deleted or kept in draft form from the Twitter handle @FoodSafety...[and] copies of any e-mails or correspondence regarding the drafting and deletion of these tweets."

Your request was assigned tracking number 2019-REE-01225-F, and processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552. A search for responsive records was conducted by the Information Products Division, National Agricultural Library (NAL). This response consists of six (6) pages. All pages are being released in full, with no FOIA exemptions applied. For your information, the deleted tweets were re-tweets. Furthermore, the staff members that managed the account during the time period of the responsive tweets have since left NAL.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact this office at 301-504-1655. You may also reach our FOIA Public Liaison or FOIA Requester Service Center at 301-504-1743 or REEfoia@ars.usda.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about its FOIA mediation services. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll-free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Responsive Records (6 pages)